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Attachments: urgent_case_for_ban_on_fracking.pdf; Developmental and reproductive effects of UCG chemicals.pdf

Thank you for the opportunity to place this submission to the Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria.

I live in [REDACTED], Melbourne. My interest in supporting the ban on Unconventional Gas exploration in Victoria is based on Climate Change evidence and the impact that the UCG industry has already had on rural Australia, its people, land, creatures, water and air.

I fear that there are no foreseeable benefits in CSG mining to Victoria, but only a contribution to the escalating climate change dangers and disasters that all Victorians are facing now and into the future, including irreversible damage to our prime agriculture industries, land, communities and health.

Our land, agricultural product, water air, flora and fauna, farming creatures and health are all damaged by CSG mining. For example an American report **'Developmental and reproductive effects of chemicals associated with unconventional oil and natural gas operation' states "UOG (Unconventional Oil and Gas) operations release large amounts of reproductive, immunological, and neurological toxicants, carcinogens as well as endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) into the environment that may negatively affect human health."**

Our rural communities are the life blood of our nation's cities. I support rural Victorians and their communal voice in saying "NO" to Unconventional Gas mining in our clean and green state. There is little social license for this product. Farming and CSG can't coexist. The environmental effects of UCG on Australian prime agricultural land are catastrophic. CSG damages the local economy, produce, land and water and does not support local rural communities.

I do not want this industry to go ahead to even get enough local base line data to prove the already presumed and stated need for policy and regulatory safeguards. Local examples of the dangers are of the recent Santos Company Pilliga contamination and the AGL Btex incident.

'Fracking is simply too unsafe to pursue.'- 'The Urgent Case For A Ban On Fracking - Food and Water Watch.' Wenonah Hauter.

The world is looking towards Australia for clean and green leadership, evidenced through the global demand for our healthy agricultural produce and the interest in tourism in our natural environments.

There is a tremendous movement away from the fossil fuel economy with a quietly and quickly growing demand for clean and green renewable energy sources. I look towards the Victorian government for advancing clean energy leadership that Victorians want and the world is looking to deliver and to supporting renewables through the permanent ban on Unconventional Gas mining here in Victoria.

Learn from the future that is being shown to us by climate science.

Permanently ban fracking in our state. Protect Victorians, their agricultural produce and environment from this damaging industry.

Thank you for taking this submission.

There are two attachments of reports that have been mentioned in my submission.